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Interview Summary	Application No. 08/971,903	Applicant(s) Haruki et al
	Examiner James Myhre	Group Art Unit 2767

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James Myhre

(3) John Muskin

(2) Tod Swann

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Date of Interview Apr 18, 2000

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 19

Identification of prior art discussed:

Hill (5,761,649); Peschel, Joe (Infoworld), and Amazon.com

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's Representative discussed proposed amendments to the independent claims to more clearly show the features of storing the user's request type and using the request type to transmit matching product information to the user when new information is received from the vendors. The database will include information on how products are affiliated.

Examiner noted that these changes would probably overcome the Hill amendment and would require a new search for other prior art. Applicant's Representative said that a Preliminary Amendment incorporating these changes would be submitted within a week or two.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

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